The True and Remarkable

TRIALS,

Of all the Felon Prisoners, cast and condemned this Sessions, at Justice Hall, in the Old Bailey, viz.

John Mead, aged 16, for setting fire to his master's house.

Ann Kane, for shoplifting.

Charles Clarke, and Pierre Deval, a Frenchman, for stealing money in different houses.

William Blewit, for stealing a mare.

Thomas Godfrey, John Smith, Daniel Rango, John Finch, Joseph Hunt, and John Locke, for different robberies.

To which is added,

A COPY of VERSES.

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The TRIALS, &c.

ON Wedneſday the ſeſſions began at Juſtice Hall, in the Old Bailey, when the following priſoners were capitally convicted, viz.

Pierre, alias Peter Auguſtine, alias Chumley, alias Chapman, alias Deval, for ſtealing, in the dwelling houſe of Mrs. Smithie, goods, &c. to the value of two thouſand pounds, and upwards, the property of Alexander Delarade.

Mr. Delarade, who is a French gentleman, being ſworn, depoſed, that he became acquainted with the priſoner, who ſaid he was a Scotchman, in Paris.

That being determined to quit France, on account of the diſturbances, and come to England, the priſoner offered his ſervice to conducted him thither, which he accepted, not underſtanding the Engliſh language:

On their arrival in London, the priſoner ſaid he was intimate with Mr. Pitt, and could procure Mr. Delarade a place under Government; for which purpoſe they took lodgings in Downing-ſtreet, that they might be near the Miniſter.

Soon after this, the priſoner perſuaded Mr. Delarade to go to the Bank, and change his valuables into notes and caſh, which he accordingly did, and put them into a box at his lodgings, in the preſence of the priſoner.

On the 31ſt of May, the priſoner ſaid they were to ſup with the Miniſter's Secretary

They went to the Roſe Tavern, in Bridget-ſtreet, and there dined, and from thence to Covent Garden, when he ſeated Mr. Delarade in the middle of the pit, and left him, ſaying he would be back in a few minutes, but never returned.

On the concluſion of the play, Mr. Delarade got a perſon to conduct him home, when he found he had been robbed of his all.

A ſervant to where they lodged in Downing-ſtreet, depoſed, that on the evening of the 31ſt of May, the priſoner came and diſcharged the lodging, gave her half a guinea for herſelf, and took the boxes, &c. away in a coach, calling himſelf the proſecutor's ſon.

Davis, an officer, apprehended the prisoner in a street at Briſtol, dreſt in the cloaths as deſcribed in a hand-bill ſent from Bow-ſtreet.

He ſaid he had never ſlept in Briſtol, but his lodgings were ſoon found, and in the drawers a box, which being opened by a key taken from the priſoner, contained nine hundred guineas, bank notes, diamond rings, &c.

The ſervant to a pawnbroker depoſed, that the priſoner bought a watch at their houſe, for ſixteen pounds, and that he changed a Bank note, value one hundred pounds.

This note, with others found in the box, were ſworn to by the clerks of the bank, who paid them to Mr. Delarade.

The priſoner made a poor defence, and the Jury in a few minutes found him Guilty.

This convict was a Frenchman, and though he boaſted of ſuch great connections, was ſome time ago a candle-ſnuffer at the Opera-houſe.

Thomas Godfrey and John Smith, for aſſaulting John Mazinjay, on the highway, and robbing him of a purſe, containing one guinea, and his watch.

The proſecutor depoſed, that on the 21ſt of June laſt he was going to his country houſe, in a one horſe chaiſe, when the two priſoners, and a third perſon ſtopped him, within a few miles of Enfield, and demanded his money.

They placed themſelves on each ſide of the chaiſe, he gave them his purſe, when one of

them looked at his buckles, but left them, and took his watch.

He begged of them to return one of the ſeals, it having long been in the family, which they immediately did.

They behaved in ſo civil a manner, that he was not in the leaſt alarmed.

He then aſked, if they were ſatisfied, they replied in the affirmative; he ſhook hands with them, wiſhed them good luck, and drove on.

The conſtable, by whom they were apprehended, found nothing in their poſſeſſion.

They made no defence. Guilty.

Charles Clarke, for ſtealing a conſiderable ſum, in the houſe of Charles Maitt, and afterwards breaking out of the ſame.

William Bewitt, for ſtealing a mare.

On Thurſday John Jocke was capitally convicted, for aſſaulting Ann Atkinſon, in Long-lane, about one o'clock in the morning, knocking her down, and robbing her of two guineas, two ſhillings, and ſome halfpence.

Mary Wilſon, ſixty years of age, was found guilty of ſtealing a child, ſix months old, for the ſake of its cloaths.

On Friday the following were caſt for death, viz.

Daniel Rango, John Finch, and Joſeph Hunt, for robbing Iſaac Gillet, on the highway, of a leather pocket book.

Mr. Gillet going thro' Newgate-ſtreet, ſtopped to ſee a battle; there was a great croud aſſembled; he was ſurrounded by a gang of pickpockets, who took his pocket-book, and attempted his watch; he collared Hunt, but he was ſoon reſcued, when they knocked Mr. Killet down, beat him violently, and broke his leg.

Mr. John Jennings coming to the aſſiſtance of the proſecutor, was alſo knocked down, and violently beat; he ſaw Hunt take the pocket book, and give it to Rango.

Mrs. Money ſaw Finch very active in aſſiſting the pickpockets.

John Mead, aged only ſixteen for wilfully and maliciouſly ſetting fire to the houſe of Walter Carvadine.

The proſecutor depoſed, that he kept the ſign of the Wheat Sheaf, in Red Lion ſtreet, Holborn, and that the priſoner had lived with him ſeveral years, as a pot boy.

On the 5th of July, about half after eleven o'clock, he ſent the priſoner to bed; the reſt of the family ſoon after followed.

Perceiving, about twelve o'clock, a ſtrong ſmell of fire, he went down ſtairs, and in the paſſage found an old ſhirt and ſome ſtraw in flames. The priſoner was ſtanding at the bottom of the ſtairs, and had every thing on but his hat and ſhoes.

On being ſearched, they found in his breeches pocket, a flint, a ſteel, and one match. In his

room, between the ſheets, they found a tinder box, and ſome matches.

The genuine confeſſion of the priſoner was alſo produced in court.

Ann Kane, for privately ſtealing, in the ſhop of Robert Hinckſman, a piece of ſtriped muſlin.

On Saturday ſeven priſoners were caſt for different felonies, two for miſdemeanours, and ſeven acquitted.

The ſame day the ſeſſions ended, when eleven received ſentence of death, 25 to be tranſported, and eight impriſoned.

A COPY of VERSES.

NOW every youth to folly prone,
Attend unto my dying moan,
From Newgate cells theſe lines I write,
With bitter tears the ſame indite.
John Mead my name, my age ſixteen,
Have many years a pot-boy been,
At the Wheatſheaf I late did dwell,
In Red-Lion ſtreet, a place known well.
My maſter ſent me up to bed,
To fire the houſe came in my head,
At twelve o'clock down ſtairs did creep,
Thinking the family aſleep.

Straw in the paſſage I then did fire,
My maſter of me did enquire
What I did there? for down he came,
By Providence ſmelling the ſame,
A match, a flint, a ſteel I had,
Strong proof that my deſigns were bad,
So then I did confeſs the whole,
Lord pardon and receive my ſoul.
Try'd, caſt, and now condemn'd to die,
In Newgate's diſmal cells I lie,
O may my death a warning be,
That every one from ſin may flee.
Peter Auguſtine guineas ſtole,
Value two thouſand in the whole,
Godfrey and Smith their lives muſt pay,
For robbing on the King's highway.
William Blewit did ſteal a mare,
Charles Clarke a houſe broke I declare,
Rango, Finch, Hunt, all death muſt meet,
They robb'd a man in Newgate-ſtreet.
John Lock is likewiſe caſt to die,
In Long-lane rob'd feloniouſly,
Ann Kane a piece of muſlin ſtole,
The Lord have mercy on each ſoul.
Now having heard each name and crime,
Pray to the Lord whilſt you have time,
That he from ſin may keep each one,
Before their glaſs of life is run.

FINIS.